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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Application No.: 09/255,499

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For: 5-ANDROSTENE-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -DIOL AS

AN INHIBITOR OF TUMOR

**GROWTH** 

Group Art Unit: 1614 Examiner: J. Goldberg J. CEVE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and in complete response to the Official Action mailed April 26, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

15. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising [a tumor proliferation

inhibiting effective amount of 5-androster  $[e-3\beta, 17\alpha$ - diol or an ester or ether thereof of the

formula:

